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Mississippi 2004 Prospective Plantings

Mississippi **cotton** producers intend to plant 1.10 million acres of cotton in 2004, down 1 percent from 2003. **Soybean** farmers are expected to plant 1.65 million acres, up 15 percent from last year. **Corn** producers intend to plant 450,000 acres, down 18 percent from the previous year. **Rice** farmers in Mississippi intend to plant 235,000 acres, unchanged from 2003. Farmers also intend to plant 40,000 acres of **sorghum**, down 47 percent from last year and the smallest number of acres planted since 1998. **Winter wheat** seedings for 2004 are estimated at 220,000 acres, up 47 percent from last year.

March 1, 2004, Crop Acreage Intentions, With Comparisons Mississippi and United States

Crop	Area Planted 2003	To Be Planted 2004 ¹	2004/2003
	1,000 Acres		Percent
Mississippi			
Soybeans	1,440	1,650	115
All Cotton	1,110.0	1,100.0	99
All Rice	235	235	100
Sorghum, All Purposes	75	40	53
Corn, All Purposes	550	450	82
All Hay ²	750	750	100
Winter Wheat ³	150	220	147
Sweetpotatoes	14.0	15.0	107
United States			
Soybeans	73,404	75,411	103
All Cotton	13,483.1	14,401.6	107
All Rice	3,022	3,260	108
Sorghum, All Purposes	9,420	8,600	91
Corn, All Purposes	78,736	79,004	100
All Hay ²	63,342	63,731	101
Winter Wheat ³	44,945	43,372	97
Sweetpotatoes	95.6	98.3	103

¹ Intended plantings in 2004 as indicated by reports from farmers.

² Intended area harvested in 2004 as indicated by reports from farmers.

³ Winter wheat was planted last fall.

Soybean County Estimates, 2002-2003

County	Planted		Harvested for Beans		Yield Per Acre		Production	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
	Acres				Bushels			
Bolivar	181,900	186,800	177,200	186,500	38.6	44.1	6,848,000	8,221,000
Coahoma	92,600	103,200	87,100	102,900	37.7	40.4	3,280,000	4,158,000
Quitman	72,700	52,600	66,100	52,300	27.5	34.9	1,819,000	1,825,000
Tallahatchie	96,700	95,700	87,300	95,400	29.0	37.9	2,535,000	3,618,000
Tunica	74,500	64,200	73,300	64,000	30.9	40.3	2,267,000	2,579,000
District 10	518,400	502,500	491,000	501,100	34.1	40.7	16,749,000	20,401,000
Benton	9,200	8,300	8,800	8,100	28.6	34.3	252,000	278,000
Calhoun	8,200	6,100	6,900	5,800	28.8	37.4	199,000	217,000
DeSoto	32,000	31,000	30,800	30,800	27.7	36.3	852,000	1,119,000
Grenada	5,700	4,100	5,600	3,900	28.4	33.8	159,000	132,000
Lafayette	4,500	---	4,300	---	29.8	---	128,000	---
Marshall	20,800	22,200	20,300	22,000	29.5	36.8	599,000	810,000
Panola	31,800	24,900	30,300	24,800	27.5	34.6	834,000	858,000
Tate	19,100	17,800	18,600	17,700	27.4	34.4	510,000	609,000
Yalobusha	2,400	---	2,300	---	30.9	---	71,000	---
Other Counties	---	5,900	---	5,500	---	39.5	---	217,000
District 20	133,700	120,300	127,900	118,600	28.2	35.8	3,604,000	4,240,000
Alcorn	10,900	13,100	10,600	13,000	23.3	34.0	247,000	442,000
Itawamba	9,200	9,800	8,500	9,700	20.8	32.0	177,000	310,000
Lee	39,000	40,300	38,400	40,000	20.1	27.8	773,000	1,112,000
Pontotoc	20,000	19,400	19,700	19,200	21.1	34.1	416,000	654,000
Prentiss	18,600	18,100	18,000	17,900	20.0	26.1	360,000	467,000
Tippah	9,100	8,200	8,800	8,100	35.1	39.4	309,000	319,000
Tishomingo	2,800	2,100	2,700	2,000	20.7	32.5	56,000	65,000
Union	21,600	21,600	21,300	21,500	27.1	29.7	577,000	639,000
District 30	131,200	132,600	128,000	131,400	22.8	30.5	2,915,000	4,008,000
Humphreys	39,900	50,900	36,500	50,800	26.4	32.8	963,000	1,665,000
Issaquena	36,600	37,500	34,800	37,400	25.1	37.1	874,000	1,386,000
Leflore	90,700	86,900	87,100	86,800	36.6	41.9	3,184,000	3,633,000
Sharkey	50,800	52,400	48,300	52,200	34.1	43.6	1,645,000	2,278,000
Sunflower	131,200	139,600	128,300	139,400	33.6	39.5	4,306,000	5,504,000
Washington	123,400	140,300	118,800	139,900	41.1	45.3	4,881,000	6,342,000
Yazoo	24,700	33,400	22,600	33,300	29.2	36.2	659,000	1,206,000
District 40	497,300	541,000	476,400	539,800	34.7	40.8	16,512,000	22,014,000
Carroll	4,200	3,400	4,000	3,300	27.3	36.4	109,000	120,000
Holmes	14,900	17,300	14,100	17,200	30.6	37.2	431,000	640,000
Madison	1,900	5,800	1,700	5,700	26.5	39.8	45,000	227,000
Montgomery	1,400	700	1,300	600	32.3	38.3	42,000	23,000
Rankin	---	1,100	---	900	---	44.4	---	40,000
Other Counties	3,800	1,500	2,600	1,300	32.7	32.3	85,000	42,000
District 50	26,200	29,800	23,700	29,000	30.0	37.7	712,000	1,092,000

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Soybean County Estimates, 2002-2003

County	Planted		Harvested for Beans		Yield Per Acre		Production	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
	Acres				Bushels			
Chickasaw	14,800	10,900	14,100	10,800	25.5	32.8	359,000	354,000
Clay	8,100	5,700	7,400	5,300	26.2	36.6	194,000	194,000
Lowndes	15,300	11,800	13,500	11,400	22.4	33.5	302,000	382,000
Monroe	28,500	22,500	27,400	22,200	22.9	33.6	627,000	747,000
Noxubee	19,900	19,700	18,900	19,600	32.3	37.5	610,000	735,000
Other Counties	2,400	1,300	1,200	1,200	28.3	36.7	34,000	44,000
District 60	89,000	71,900	82,500	70,500	25.8	34.8	2,126,000	2,456,000
Hinds	2,000	3,100	1,900	3,000	30.5	39.7	58,000	119,000
Jefferson	---	5,100	---	4,700	---	40.9	---	192,000
Warren	17,000	18,000	16,000	17,400	30.6	36.2	489,000	630,000
Other Counties	19,000	10,200	17,400	9,700	31.0	43.1	539,000	418,000
District 70	38,000	36,400	35,300	34,800	30.8	39.1	1,086,000	1,359,000
District 80	4,000	3,300	3,500	3,100	24.3	45.8	85,000	142,000
District 90	2,200	2,200	1,700	1,700	30.0	34.1	51,000	58,000
State Total	1,440,000	1,440,000	1,370,000	1,430,000	32.0	39.0	43,840,000	55,770,000

--- Included in Other Counties.

Stocks of Grain in All Positions, Mississippi and United States, March 1, 2003 - 2004

Crop	2003			2004		
	On Farms	Off Farms ¹	Total All Positions	On Farms	Off Farms ¹	Total All Positions
	1,000 Bushels					
Mississippi						
Wheat, All	*	*	*	*	122	*
Corn	*	12,568	*	*	11,283	*
Oats	*	*	*	*	*	*
Sorghum	*	224	*	*	85	*
Soybeans	*	3,098	*	*	2,874	*
United States						
Wheat, All	236,300	670,333	906,633	257,890	761,141	1,019,031
Corn	2,940,000	2,191,873	5,131,873	3,030,000	2,240,641	5,270,641
Oats	35,000	47,879	82,879	45,600	49,469	95,069
Sorghum	27,500	135,423	162,923	21,000	137,652	158,652
Soybeans	636,500	565,528	1,202,028	355,900	549,623	905,523

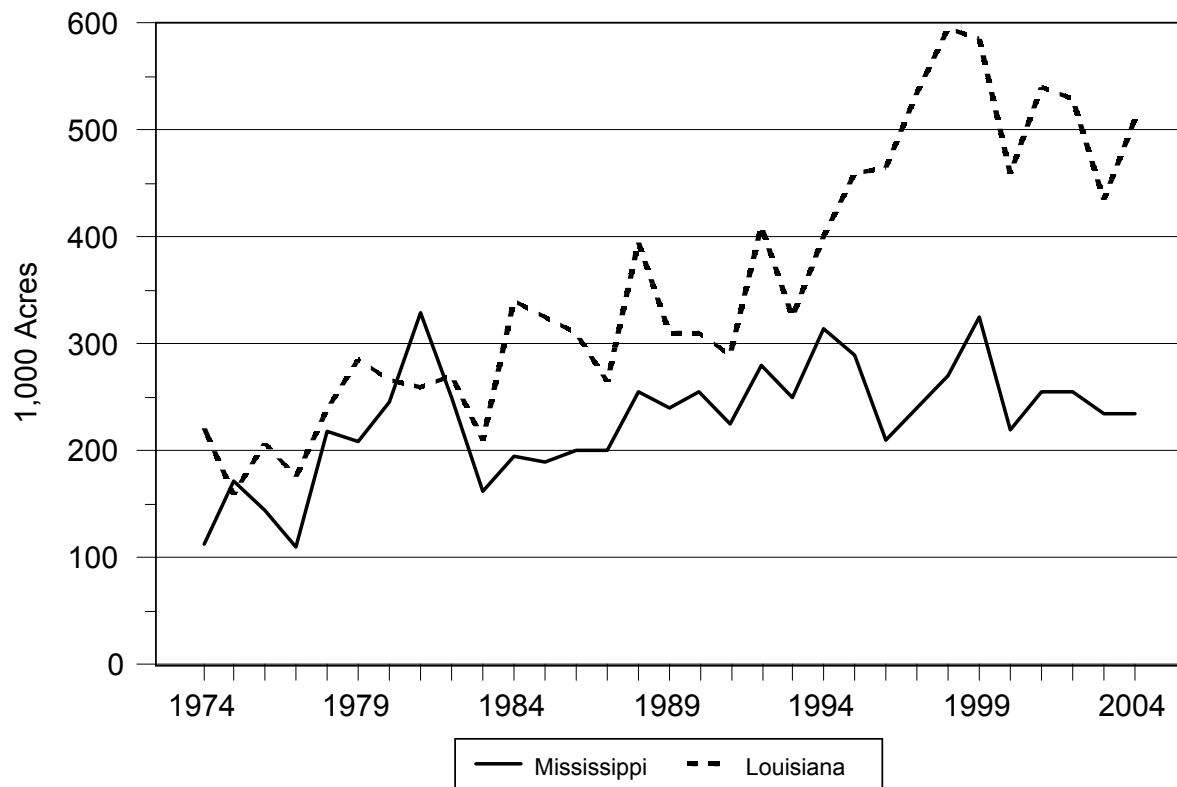
* "Off farms unallocated" includes state data not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations; "On farms unallocated" includes minor producing states' data not published separately.

¹ Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals, and processors.

Mississippi Running Bales Ginned by County, 2003

County	Running Bales Ginned	County	Running Bales Ginned
Bolivar	170,400	Holmes	126,650
Coahoma	207,000	Other Counties	88,150
Quitman	82,700	District 50	214,800
Tallahatchie	49,600	District 70	70,450
Tunica	89,000	Other Districts	86,450
District 10	598,700		
Calhoun	50,900		
Panola	51,300		
Other Counties	104,500		
District 20	206,700		
Humphreys	77,650		
Leflore	186,200		
Sharkey	87,150		
Sunflower	156,650		
Washington	150,400		
Yazoo	224,600		
District 40	882,650	State Total	2,059,750

Long Grain Rice Planted Acreage, Mississippi and Louisiana, 1974 - 2004



United States Catfish: Sales, Average Price and Ending Inventory, February 2003 - 2004

Item	Sales Volume		Average Price		Ending Inventory	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
	1,000 Pounds		Dollars Per Pound		1,000 Pounds	
Fresh						
Whole Fish	3,785	3,266	1.30	1.53	234	188
Fillets ¹	5,158	6,455	2.45	2.62	420	550
Other ²	1,532	1,518	1.41	1.70	122	128
Total Fresh	10,475	11,239	1.88	2.18	776	866
Frozen						
Whole Fish	1,418	1,349	1.83	1.93	1,596	1,438
Fillets ¹	11,358	11,232	2.39	2.57	5,530	5,674
Other ²	4,335	4,706	1.42	1.52	2,114	2,810
Total Frozen	17,111	17,287	2.10	2.23	9,240	9,922
Total Fresh & Frozen	27,586	28,526	2.02	2.21	10,016	10,788

¹ Includes regular, shank, and strip fillets; excludes any breaded products.

² Includes all products not already reported including weight of breading and added ingredients.

United States Farm-Raised Catfish: Quantity Processed, Prices Paid to Producers by Major Processors, and United States Imports, 2003 - 2004

Month	Round Weight Processed				Average Price Paid to Producers ¹		Imports of Catfish ²	
	Monthly		Cumulative					
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
	1,000 Pounds				Dollars Per Pound		1,000 Pounds	
January	55,523	53,849	55,523	53,849	.529	.668	1,322	215
February	55,461	54,173	110,984	108,022	.544	.703	260	
March	65,007		175,991		.585		332	
April	57,105		233,096		.630		272	
May	58,424		291,520		.618		703	
June	52,441		343,961		.586		893	
July	54,089		398,050		.564		435	
August	54,153		452,203		.552		135	
September	51,885		504,088		.560		150	
October	57,652		561,740		.567		384	
November	51,246		612,986		.610		331	
December	48,518		661,504		.629		213	

¹ Price for fish delivered to processing plant door. Price includes charges for any services provided by the processing plant, such as seining and hauling, but does not include adjustments based on year-end settlements.

² Pounds of frozen boneless fillets. Data furnished by U.S. Bureau of Census.

Chicken Eggs in Incubators: by Region and United States, March 1, 2003 - 2004

Geographic Division	Broiler-Type			Egg-Type		
	2003	2004	2004/2003	2003	2004	2004/2003
	1,000		Percent	1,000		Percent
North Atlantic	11,107	12,016	108	4,338	6,263	144
East North Central	7,362	9,185	125	6,303	6,502	103
West North Central	20,132	22,826	113	6,382	8,240	129
South Atlantic	233,214	232,310	100	2,838	2,463	87
South Central	334,647	346,259	103	5,332	5,586	105
West	23,725	25,000	105	5,354	5,209	97
United States	630,187	647,596	103	30,547	34,263	112

Egg Production, Selected States and United States, February 2003 - 2004

State	Total Production		Table Eggs ¹		Hatching Eggs ¹	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
	1,000			Million Eggs		
Alabama	172	161	49	41	123	120
Arkansas	262	262	91	87	171	175
Florida	214	242	207	232	7	10
Georgia	382	399	226	238	156	161
Mississippi	124	127	40	38	84	89
North Carolina	194	194	72	76	122	118
Oklahoma	73	75	42	42	31	33
South Carolina	106	105	88	87	18	18
Virginia	58	62	24	29	34	33
United States	6,665	6,891	5,673	5,890	991	1,002

¹ Data by type of flock not shown for some States to avoid disclosing individual operations.

Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched: By State and United States, February 2003 - 2004

State	February			January-February		
	2003	2004	2004/2003	2003	2004	2004/2003
	1,000		Percent	1,000		Percent
Alabama	91,495	101,222	111	194,143	210,892	109
Arkansas	101,976	105,663	104	212,943	218,777	103
Georgia	102,398	113,447	111	213,718	233,341	109
Louisiana	12,475	12,538	101	25,836	25,949	100
Mississippi	63,505	67,390	106	133,847	138,596	104
North Carolina	59,258	60,569	102	125,243	124,878	100
Texas	48,505	50,491	104	103,259	103,386	100
Virginia	21,995	21,598	98	45,462	44,777	98
United States	694,590	727,936	105	1,454,363	1,501,906	103

All Cattle and Calves: Value Per Head and Total Value
Selected States and United States, January 1, 2003 - 2004

State	Value Per Head		Total Value	
	2003	2004	2003	2004
	Dollars		1,000 Dollars	
Alabama	570	630	820,800	856,800
Arkansas	620	710	1,147,000	1,349,000
Florida	670	720	1,172,500	1,252,800
Georgia	600	650	774,000	812,500
Kentucky	630	710	1,530,900	1,647,200
Louisiana	640	680	550,400	578,000
Mississippi	570	650	609,900	663,000
Missouri	670	770	3,015,000	3,349,500
North Carolina	600	630	540,000	554,400
Oklahoma	650	730	3,510,000	3,723,000
Tennessee	590	650	1,339,300	1,436,500
Texas	610	700	8,540,000	9,730,000
Virginia	610	670	994,300	1,031,800
United States	728	819	69,948,620	77,733,180

All Hogs: Value Per Head and Total Value,
Selected States and United States, December 1, 2002 - 2003

State	Value Per Head		Total Value	
	2002	2003	2002	2003
	Dollars		1,000 Dollars	
Alabama	70	66	11,550	10,890
Arkansas	69	64	21,045	19,840
Florida	74	69	2,590	2,070
Georgia	63	61	21,735	17,995
Kentucky	54	54	19,980	20,520
Louisiana	76	71	1,520	1,420
Mississippi	76	71	20,900	21,655
Missouri	61	57	179,950	168,150
North Carolina	58	54	562,600	534,600
Oklahoma	59	57	138,060	133,380
Tennessee	61	57	13,420	12,255
Texas	62	67	57,660	62,310
Virginia	59	62	23,600	22,940
United States	71	66	4,209,683	3,986,301

Mississippi and United States Price Highlights, March 2004 with Comparisons

Commodity	Unit	March 2003 Entire Month		February 2004 Entire Month		March 2004 Mid-Month	
		MS	US	MS	US	MS	US
Dollars							
Corn	bu	—	2.33	—	2.61	—	2.79 ¹
Cotton, Upland	lb	.443	.486	.627	.627	.625 ¹	.618 ¹
Sorghum, grain	cwt	—	3.94	—	4.76	— ³	4.86
Soybeans	bu	5.29	5.59	8.57	8.28		9.56
Winter Wheat	bu	---	3.30	—	3.68	—	3.61
Rice, Rough	cwt	—	4.31	—	7.74	—	7.72
All Milk	cwt	—	11.00	—	13.60	—	14.70
Fluid	cwt	—	11.00	—	13.60	—	14.70
Manufacturing	cwt	—	9.80	—	12.80	—	14.10
All Beef Cattle	cwt	—	72.60	—	78.50	—	84.00
Cows	cwt	—	39.50	—	46.10	—	46.70
Calves	cwt	—	96.70	—	111.00	—	114.00
Steers & Heifers	cwt	—	76.70	—	82.30	—	88.60
All Hogs	cwt	—	34.70	—	42.60	—	45.10
Barrows & Gilts	cwt	—	35.20	—	43.00	—	45.40
Sows	cwt	—	24.20	—	35.10	—	38.90
Broilers, Live	lb	—	.330	—	.470	—	.470
Market Eggs	doz	.440 ²	.518 ²	.760 ²	.745 ²	.990	1.000

--- Estimates not made.

¹ Based on sales during the first half of the month.

² Mid-month prices.

³ Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms.